



## **Victims**

In the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, the victim of a hate crime may be an individual, a business, an institution, or society as a whole. In 2009, the Nation's law enforcement agencies reported that there were 8,336 victims of hate crimes. Of these victims, 14 were victimized in 6 separate multiple-bias incidents.

### ***By bias motivation***

An analysis of data for victims of single-bias hate crime incidents showed that:

- 48.8 percent of the victims were targeted because of the offender's bias against a race.
- 18.9 percent were victimized because of a bias against a religious belief.
- 17.8 percent were targeted because of a bias against a particular sexual orientation.
- 13.3 percent were victimized because of a bias against an ethnicity/national origin.
- 1.2 percent were targeted because of a bias against a disability. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Racial bias**

Among the single-bias hate crime incidents in 2009, there were 4,057 victims of racially motivated hate crimes.

- 71.5 percent were victims because of an offender's anti-black bias.
- 16.5 percent were victims because of an anti-white bias.
- 3.7 percent were victims because of an anti-Asian/Pacific Islander bias.
- 2.1 percent were victims because of an anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native bias.
- 6.2 percent were victims because of a bias against a group of individuals in which more than one race was represented (anti-multiple races, group). (Based on Table 1.)

## **Religious bias**

Of the 1,575 victims of an anti-religious hate crime:

- 71.9 percent were victims because of an offender's anti-Jewish bias.
- 8.4 percent were victims because of an anti-Islamic bias.
- 3.7 percent were victims because of an anti-Catholic bias.
- 2.7 percent were victims because of an anti-Protestant bias.
- 0.7 percent were victims because of an anti-Atheist/Agnostic bias.
- 8.3 percent were victims because of a bias against other religions (anti-other religion).
- 4.3 percent were victims because of a bias against groups of individuals of varying religions (anti-multiple religions, group). (Based on Table 1.)

## **Sexual-orientation bias**

Of the 1,482 victims targeted due to a sexual-orientation bias:

- 55.1 percent were victims because of an offender's anti-male homosexual bias.
- 26.4 percent were victims because of an anti-homosexual bias.
- 15.3 percent were victims because of an anti-female homosexual bias.
- 1.8 percent were victims because of an anti-bisexual bias.
- 1.4 percent were victims because of an anti-heterosexual bias. (Based on Table 1.)

## **Ethnicity/national origin bias**

Hate crimes motivated by the offender's bias toward a particular ethnicity/national origin were directed at 1,109 victims. Of these victims:

- 62.4 percent were targeted because of an anti-Hispanic bias.

- 37.6 percent were victimized because of a bias against other ethnicities/national origins. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Disability bias**

Of the 99 victims of a hate crime due to the offender's bias against a disability:

- 74 were targets because of an anti-mental disability bias.
- 25 were victims because of an anti-physical disability bias. (See Table 1.)

### ***By crime category***

Of the 8,336 victims of a hate crime, 57.5 percent were victims of crimes against persons, and 42.2 percent were victims of crimes against property. The remaining percentage were victims of crimes against society. (Based on Table 2.)

### ***By offense type***

#### **Crimes against persons**

In 2009, 4,793 victims of hate crimes were victims of crimes against persons. Regarding these victims and the crimes committed against them:

- 8 persons were murdered, and 9 were forcibly raped.
- 45.0 percent of the victims were intimidated.
- 35.3 percent were victims of simple assault.
- 19.1 percent were victims of aggravated assault.
- Less than one percent (0.3) were victims of *other* types of offenses, which are collected only in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). (Based on Table 2.)

#### **Crimes against property**

In 2009, 3,517 victims of hate crimes were victims of crimes against property. Of these:

- 83.7 percent were victims of destruction/damage/vandalism.
- 4.9 percent were victims of larceny-theft.
- 4.5 percent were victims of burglary.
- 4.0 percent were victims of robbery.
- 1.7 percent were victims of arson.
- 0.3 percent were victims of motor vehicle theft.
- 0.8 percent were victims of *other* types of hate crime offenses, which are collected only in the NIBRS. (Based on Table 2.)

### **Crimes against society**

There were 26 victims of hate crimes categorized as crimes against society. (See Table 2.)